

REMARKS

By this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have added new claims 71-96. Accordingly, claims 43-96 are pending in this application.


In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §135(b)(1) and 37 C.F.R. 1.607(c) Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that new claims 71-73, 76, 77, 79, 82-89, 91-93, and 96 are identical copies of claims 1-5 and 7-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,468,291 issued on October 22, 2002, to Bates et al. New claims 74, 75, 78, 80, 81, 90, 94, and 95 are similar to claims issued in the Bates et al. patent.

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